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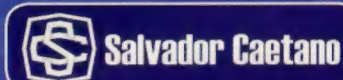
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2001 IVECO EURORIDER BEULAS EL MUNDO 12M

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2001 (Sept) SCANIA L94 VAN HOOL ALIZEE-H 12M

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2000 IVECO EURORIDER BEULAS STERGO-e 12M

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1998 VOLVO B10M VAN HOOL ALIZEE-II 12M

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1998 SCANIA K113 VAN HOOL ALIZEE-II 12M

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Tata buys stake in Hispano

India's largest bus, truck and car manufacturer, and the fifth largest manufacturer of medium and heavy commercial vehicles in the World, Tata Motors, has acquired a 21% stake in the Spanish manu-

facturer Hispano Carrocera SA for €12million. The Indian company also has an option to purchase the whole of the company, which is based in a modern facility in Zaragoza.



L to R: Volvo B12B Hispano Divo coach, Volvo B7L Hispano Habit single deck bus and typical Tata bus as used in India.

facturer Hispano Carrocera SA for €12million. The Indian company also has an option to purchase the whole of the company, which is based in a modern facility in Zaragoza.

Hispano claims 25% of the Spanish market. Few of its

products have been sold in the UK although EvoBus did import a number of Vita bodied coaches on Mercedes O.404 chassis prior to the introduction of the Touro. The Vita was the first coach in Europe

Originally set up as Van Hool's Spanish operation, Hispano builds buses, trolleybuses, dual-purpose vehicles and coaches on a full range of chassis. There is no longer any link with the Belgian

the growing potential of this sector in India and other export markets, besides providing us with a foothold in developed European markets.'

Tata produces more than 150 commercial vehicle models covering light, medium and heavy trucks as well as buses. It had annual revenues of US\$3.5billion in 2003-2004.

Tata has sold light commercial vehicles in the UK, using old Mercedes Benz technology. There were plans during the 1980s for Carlton PSV Sales to import Tata minibuses, and though one was shown here, none were actually imported.

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Excel acquires Stansted Bus

Excel Passenger Logistics Ltd has expanded again. The company, which began its rail replacement and airline diversion services from Stansted Airport eighteen months ago has now purchased the entire share capital of Stansted Bus Co Ltd. Stansted Bus Company has five licences and operates four Essex County Council contracts together with a commercial bus service operation and several other contracts which have all been transferred to the new owners. Vehicles have been hired from 24/7 to operate the services whilst a decision on future vehicles is being made. 24/7 is a separate vehicle hiring company operated by former Stansted Bus owner Andy Mahoney. All the Stansted drivers have been taken on by Excel. Speaking of the acquisition Excel MD Graham Hayden said, 'We are pleased with the acquisition of Stansted Bus Co. Ltd which consolidates our position as a major provider of transport facilities in the Stansted area.'



Excel's latest vehicle, an ex Scania demonstrator with Irizar Century bodywork.

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Arriva turns in good figures

Arriva's preliminary results for the year ended 31 December 2005 show that the Group performed well both in the UK and overseas. Turnover was up 13% to £1,800million and pre-tax profit up 15% at £116.3million. Earnings per share were up 25% to 44.9p and final dividend was up 5p to 14.07p

giving a total dividend for the year of 18.9p.

The UK Bus Division increased turnover to £651.5million (£604m:2003) and operating profit was up at £62.6million (£57.2million:2003). Arriva is the largest operator in London, with

19% of services, and has seen a growth of 26% in passenger journeys over the last three years, 10% of this in the past year. During 2004 Arriva increased its contracted London mileage by 5% and this will rise by a further 4% during 2005.

The company's UK Rail division also did well, increasing turnover to £509million (£433m:2003) and operating profit to £31.5million (£24m:2003).

The International division increased turnover to £514.8million (£424.9m:2003) and operating

profit to £32.7million (£24.8m:2003). Arriva operates in Denmark, Holland, Italy, Sweden, Portugal and Spain. It recently added Germany with the purchase of two rail companies and a major bus operation centred on Frankfurt.

Arriva is the only one of the big UK bus groups to have its own bus and coach dealership, Arriva Bus and Coach. The company turned in a profit of £3.2million (£2.9m:2003) on a reduced turnover of £17.4million (£22.9m:2003).

... and expansion in Portugal

The company has also announced expansion of its operations in Portugal by entering into a new joint venture to create a multimodal transport operation in Lisbon. Under the arrangement, Arriva will combine its TST bus and coach operation serving the commuter region to the south of Lisbon into a 50/50 joint venture with the Lisbon based bus and rail subsidiaries of the Barraqueiro Group. The two companies have worked together before. Arriva acquired its original 51% interest in TST from Barraqueiro in June 2002 and then went on to buy the complete company in August 2003.

Barraqueiro operates 470

vehicles in the North and East of Lisbon. It is also the only private rail operator in Portugal. Its subsidiary Fertagus operates the cross-river railway from the centre of Lisbon to Setubal on the Southern Peninsula.

The new Group also holds 34% shareholding in MTS - Metro Transportes do Sul - the consortium currently constructing the new tram network, serving the area South of Lisbon. The company will begin running it in 2006 will continue doing so until 2032.

The new Group will employ 2,150 people and operate 1,100 vehicles.

... and announces Board Changes

Chief Executive Bob Davies also announced a re-organisation of responsibilities at Board level.

David Martin becomes Group Managing Director Operations and Deputy Chief Executive. He was formerly Board Director responsible for Internal Operations.

Steve Clayton becomes Group Managing Director-Corporate affairs. He was previously Board Director responsible for Operations.

Steve Lonsdale becomes Group Managing Director-Finance. He was formerly Finance Director.

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 1988 SCANIA K112 man PLAXTON 3500, 51 reclining seats
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news

News Extra - boost for Scotland, see pages 25 & 26

Universitybus adopts new name and livery

Universitybus the highly successful bus operation operated by Hertfordshire University has adopted a new name and a new livery. The Operation has been re-branded UNO and the new pink and purple livery has been designed by industry experts Best Impressions. The livery will be applied to all the 50 vehicles operated by Universitybus.

Speaking of the changes UNO MD Bill Hiron said, 'Whilst originally established in 1992 to carry University staff and students, the UNO network now carries 2.5million passengers a year and is Hertfordshire's second largest bus operator. Independent research has shown that one third of bus users in the county did not realise that they could travel on our services. With the extensive



network now operated it was obvious that we needed a new image to better reflect our position as a mainstream bus operator with an identity that is both eye-catching and bright.

UNO operates from a modern purpose built depot on the former BAE Hatfield Airfield site, opened in 2002 and the average age of the fleet is just over five years with two thirds of vehicles being low floor accessible units.

Arriva to invest in new fleet for Durham

Arriva has also announced that it is to invest £3 in a new fleet of buses for the city of Durham. Twenty seven new buses and 57 refurbished ones carrying a new look livery scheme will hit the streets of Durham on the same day in July.

Trials with an unbranded vehicle were very positive. Steve Noble, MD of Arriva North East said, 'The feedback received by drivers was terrific. The passengers liked the accessibility, the comfort and the smoothness of the ride. By introducing so many new vehicles into service at one time, in one place, we will change the face of public transport overnight. We have chosen Durham to receive this investment because we believe the area is ripe for bus passenger growth and the new vehicles will complement our comprehensive, easy to understand network. Our investment here reinforces our commitment to providing people with real transport options and represents a step change for the future of public transport in Durham.'

Arriva is also planning to introduce a new network of improved services at the same time and possibly route branding. Engineering facilities at the Durham depot are being improved at the same time. Durham County Council is also planning to introduce, in conjunction with Arriva, better bus stop information and real time information, as well as completing the refurbishment of the bus station. Chris Tunstall, Deputy CEO of Durham County Council said, 'This is great news for public transport users and demonstrates the commitment of Arriva working in partnership for the provision of a first class bus service in County Durham.'

Kilduff joins Rohill

Eamonn Kilduff has joined Rohill UK as Sales and Business Development Manager reporting to MD Paul Zander-Hicks. Prior to joining Rohill Eamonn was Engineering Manager at Salvador Caetano.



Tony Giles joins HDP

Tony Giles has joined the Heavy Duty Parts team based at Sturton-le-Steeple, Lincs. Tony was previously Parts Manager for a North Lincolnshire Mercedes Dealer and has extensive knowledge of the Mercedes product range from the Vario 614 up to the Touro and Citaro. Heavy Duty Parts are extending their coverage to include the smaller Mercedes models with the aim of becoming a major player in this market segment. Appointing Tony is a key part of that exercise.



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drinks



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servery, water boiler, drinks,
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Water boiler, drinks



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radio/pa/cassette, fridge,



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A/C double glazed,
continental door, toilet,
TV/Video, drinks



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Transliner**
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double glazed,
continental door, toilet,
TV/Video, drinks



2003 Neoplan Starliner
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seats, A/C, curtains,
double glazed, power
door, toilet, TV/video,
drinks, fridge,



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48 seats, ZF 6 speed
Manual, A/C, Telma,
power door, toilet,
TV/Video, fridge, drinks



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Jonckheere Ascot**
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glazed, continental door,
radio/pa/cassette/cd



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Jonckheere Ascot**
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curtains, power door,
Toilet, radio/pa/cassette.

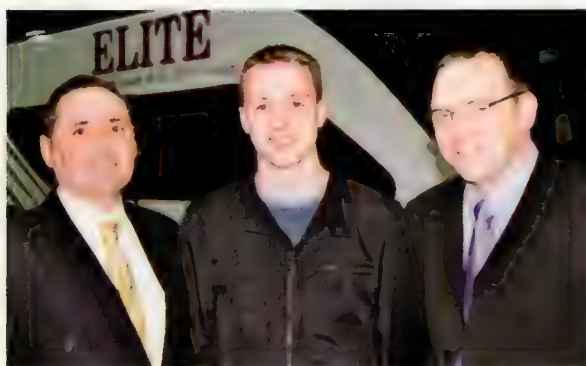


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Premier 3200**
48 seats, toilet, drinks,
radio/pa/cassette,
continental door

The Elite Group – Moving up a gear

You're either in it, or you're not,' says David Nickson, Managing Director of the Elite Group of companies, explaining why he has embarked on a programme of expansion for Elite's coaching operations. He believes that small operators are already finding it difficult to cope with excessive levels of legislation and this will become more difficult as time goes on. Although Elite Services has always been run properly, recent experiences have convinced him that the only way forward is to expand and become even more professional than in the past.

In 2003 the very old established business of Carsville Coaches of Urmston was purchased from Steve and Dave Hughes, and in the past few weeks, Smiths of Marple has joined the fold.



L to R: Dave Nickson, Sam Nickson and Jason Hibbert.

Smiths was founded by Ken Smith and had been trading since the 1950s, being acquired by Jason and Julie Hibbert five years ago. Jason is now joining Tony Roberts and Dave Nickson, Elite's founders, on the Elite board.

It was Jason who approached Dave over joining forces. He had spent many years working for Elite,

was a friend of Dave's already and felt the same way about the future of coaching, in particular the need for growth. Dave wanted to expand and needed a right hand man to help manage the growth process. 'I'm restrained by what I can do. You need someone to take work off you so you can take time out to focus on which way the business is going,' said Dave.

Tony has always been Elite's CPC holder, but Dave recently decided to obtain his qualifications. It was while undergoing the necessary training, with Specialist Training & Consultancy Services of Accrington, that he became convinced that greater professionalism was required. He commented, 'in the past it was a case of getting a

coach to the customer. Now you've got to be a lot more professional and accountable. You've got to review every aspect of your business regularly and know why you do everything you do. You also need to know, and be able to show, that your staff also know what they are doing, including all the current legislation.'

It has to be said that

Elite has never had a sloppy approach to operation. Dave Nickson has always believed in having systems and doing a quality job, but his eyes have been opened to the need to pay even more attention to the minutiae, and to set about formalising informal systems. A requirement for additional training has been identified throughout the company and as a first step drivers are being sent on tachograph refresher courses.

He knows he is by no means alone in not



The Ayats Bravo 1 coach in the process of having the latest livery vinyls applied. It is driven by Phil, who is fanatical about keeping it in pristine condition.

having formally addressed some issues that are easily taken for granted. Although many operators only employ qualified fitters, he wonders whether they are fully compliant with the latest electrical regulations. 'Torque wrench setting procedures - do you provide fitters with the correct information for every vehicle, or do you assume they know it?' he asked, adding, 'how many risk assessments have been carried out?'

Elite Services

Elite Services began coaching operations in 1981 when Dave was only 23. From the outset it was a joint venture between the men, each of whom brought different skills to the enterprise.



Elite's Stockport premises house the depot and the seatbelt and MOT testing operations.

Tony, who is 15 years Dave's senior, had started out with the North Western Road Car Co at Charles Street, and later worked for the Godfrey Abbott Group, where Dave's father also worked. GAG was subsequently acquired by the Charterplan operation of Greater Manchester PTE and Tony did not stay long after the takeover. So it was that the two got together and Elite Coaches was established, initially with no vehicles.

Tony recalls, 'we should have stopped immediately, because we made a profit in the first few months. Our first trip was to the European Cup Final at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris that May, when Liverpool beat Real Madrid 1:0. We hired in coaches to cover it and got our own coach later that year with the bounty.' For £8,000

Although it is a place of business, with Tony and office manager Brenda sat at their desks, visitors seem to treat it as much as a social club, popping in for cups of tea and some banter. Tony is adept at putting a smile on people's faces with his witty comments and observations. 'We like them to go out of here tittering,' he said, a mission in which he achieves a high success rate. 'I find it exhilarating, the appreciation from people who have enjoyed their holiday. They are like friends rather than customers,' a claim proved by the flowers and photographs from customers that adorn the office.

'There are some really great characters,' said Tony, some of whom take between 20 and 30 trips on Elite's coaches.

Talking about the business, it became clear that Elite's product is different to any other operators' that I have encountered. It was mid February, but the latest holiday on offer departed on 1 May. For a company that offers around 400 departures a year, I found this amazing. The reason is that, for much of his programme, Tony relies on late bookings to get the edge that enables him to

compete in what is a very competitive environment. This way he gets reasonable hotel prices from his contacts and sells them at the last minute. There is no typical Elite excursion because, 'It's very fluid, it depends what is on offer.'

He finds the demand is increasing for shorter holidays, breaks rather than weeks, and Elite has never done anything longer than five days. 'Although they come back saying they could have done with longer, if you offered it, they wouldn't book it and it wouldn't run.' In practice, despite the short notice, in excess of 75% of advertised trips do run. A lot of people come in to the office to book, but, to Tony's surprise, 'the vast majority of bookings now are by debit or credits cards over

the telephone.' Tony sees it as part of a process of dramatic change that is taking place. He commented, 'Greater Manchester used to be very parochial, but now the M60 is there, there are no boundaries.'



A Carsville survivor is this Plaxton Viewmaster bodied Tiger 245.

Carsville

The oldest established of the Elite Group's constituents, with its origins in a wedding and funeral hire business started in the 1930s, Carsville Coaches has its depot and office on Higher Road in Urmston, Manchester. Taxis and minibuses were acquired and eventually, over 60 years ago, the first coaches. It undertakes a mix of work including school contracts, a year-round excursion programme, private hire of a mainly local nature, and two social services contracts carrying mentally



One of the Scantias allocated to Carsville at the Stockport depot.

they became the proud owners of a five-year-old P registered Plaxton bodied Ford R1114 360 Turbo, previously with Thomas Coaches of Stockport. It was only shortly after that the fleet was doubled with the acquisition of another Ford from nearby Bullocks of Cheadle.

Looking back, Tony mused on the relative financial commitment of starting out with a five year old motor in 1981 and the present day. He

has always looked after the administrative side of the operation, working from the company's booking office in Sale, seven miles from the depot in Stockport. As well as serving customers, he handles the driver and work



Janet Nickson in Carsville's office.

allocations for the Stockport and Urmston depots. The office has been in the small and rather unassuming shop it currently occupies for nine years and was previously in a larger office over the road.

Tony stressed how local much of the custom is, 'to move away would be detrimental to the business,' he said. 'We have a lot of loyal customers, a lot of very, very nice people.'



The Carsville depot in Urmston.

handicapped adults, that run with local authority employed escorts. The client base is a large one.

There are eight full time drivers, most of whom have been with the company for years. An

exception is Dave and Janet's eldest son, Sam, who is training to be a mechanic. Now 19, he passed his PSV driving test a few weeks after he was eligible to take it and is treated just the same as any other employee. Janet also works at the rented Urmston premises, looking after the office with Office manager, Wesley Butler, who makes sure the drivers are on time and schedules the maintenance. There is no full time fitter at Urmston, though the workshops are well equipped. Staff travel over from Stockport on a regular basis to do whatever needs doing, and, as I saw on my visit, vehicles from Urmston go to the main workshops if necessary.

When the business was bought, the fleet was very elderly, with six Fords and a Leopard among the ten coaches owned. The oldest vehicles have gone but the



All Carsville coaches were named, this Volvo B10M Duple 320 being Susan.

white yellow and black livery is still carried by several coaches, including a Leyland Tiger Plaxton Viewmaster and a Volvo B10M Duple 320. Before there was any thought of acquiring it, Janet had often commented to Dave that the Carsville fleet may have been old, but it was always very well presented and fresh.

When the business was acquired in May 2003, a number of the regular clientele let it be known that they were quite happy with the way things were, and didn't want to see things change. Dave commented, 'Carsville customers are very loyal. There was a bit of anti when we took over. Now they've got used to us. They know we're going to look after them and they're happy. We've improved the coaches. It's very close knit and everyone knew everyone, but not us. Old people don't like change, but now they've realised it is change for the better.'

'We are trying to keep Carsville independent,' said Janet. Dave added, 'the pace is slower at Carsville. The clientele is even older. A lot of groups meet at the depot to go on trips, something we've never had at Stockport. Here it's like a bus station.' In line with the slower pace, the



Julie Hibbert in the Smith of Marple office.

directors have been cautious about changing anything too rapidly.

The acquisition is proving a good one. 'The business has grown since we went there, we're hungrier,' said Dave, adding, 'the rates are better too.'

Smiths of Marple

While Elite's programme is exclusively late bookings, Smiths programme covers the year. 'We advertise a programme covering the whole year. We have to, if we didn't do it that way, they'd go with someone else,' said Jason, adding, 'It's good that, as a group, we can now offer both.' One advantage over big tour operators' programmes is that no Smiths tour spends more than an hour picking up before it is heading for its destination.

What is offered is different, but Jason finds great similarities between the Smiths business and the Elite and Carsville operations. 'Everyone knows everyone, both staff and passengers,' he said. 'I think the atmosphere is warmer on local company trips than with the big national operators because



Smiths of Marple's fleet includes this Irizar Century bodied Scania.

everyone knows each other.'

Helping to sell the programme is a network of 14 agents. There were previously more, but Jason reduced the number, as there had been a considerable degree of duplication in some areas. With the number of bookings generated through the internet growing, and plans for a direct internet booking facility, Jason wonders whether booking offices will be necessary in ten years time, as he believes very few people will walk through the door.

One of Smiths coaches carries Fraser Eagle livery, as the company is a preferred operator. It is work that Jason and Dave agree is worthwhile. A mobile phone call, followed by a fax, saw two coaches despatched to Macclesfield for rail replacement work during the time we were talking in the Stockport office.

Alone among the three, Smiths runs buses as well as coaches, with four Olympians acquired through Stephenson's of Essex, backed by an ageing Bristol VR. The deckers carry out school contracts to Poynton High School for Cheshire County Council. Consideration is also being given to tendering for some of the County's tendered service work because Smiths is well placed for rural work.

The company has five full time drivers and the same number of regular part timers. Jason believes the Working Time Directive will make it difficult for a lot of tour operators. He commented, 'Most of their rates are the same as ten years ago, but their jobs will need more drivers to do them and the people aren't there. I see a big problem

for them soon because they won't be able to get their work covered.'

Julie commented that there has been a tendency for hotels to give too good a deal to big companies so that smaller companies cannot get a rate that is competitive, though she believes this is starting to change now because many have found the big companies do not deliver the anticipated numbers.

Unity

Along with the Group's new approach has come a new livery featuring big and purple motifs on a white base. It will gradually replace the previous turquoise on white of Elite. Smiths most recent dark blue livery and even the yellow

and black on white of Carsville, a move that was not made lightly. A Marcopolo bodied Javelin was painted in a yellow and black version of corporate colours, but the result was considered insipid and this will not be perpetuated. Three coaches have now acquired a Carsville version of the standard scheme, among them a short Ford Paramount that is the last lightweight owned. 'People have



Smiths of Marple's Van Hool Alizee T8 bodied Volvo B10M carries Fraser Eagle colours.

noticed, but there have been no adverse comments,' said Dave. Smiths will probably be the last coaches to gain the new colours as they have most recently been painted, although Jason is keen to get one in the new colours to stress the group link.

While each of the fleets is retaining its identity, albeit with a standardised livery now being



The Smiths garage in Marple with two of the Olympians outside.

adopted, everything else is being standardised across the group to make control easier and maximise flexibility. An example is the vehicle

inspections at Smiths, which were on a six weekly cycle, but have gone to a four weekly one in line with Elite and Carsville. Coach packs have been introduced for every driver, providing them with details of what to do in any eventuality. Each coach is also equipped with a hands-free mobile phone, reflective jackets, torches and cameras. 'If a Carsville driver went to work for Smiths for the day, the procedures he would follow would be exactly the same,' said Jason.

Vehicle policy

Elite's early operations were based on secondhand Fords, since which time a considerable mixture of types have been operated including LAG Panoramics and Neoplan Jetliners. An Ayats Bravo 1 double decker is the only coach in the current fleet that was not previously owned, although other new vehicles have been bought in

years ago. Originally with Applebys, they were acquired through Scania Coach Sales. Two have been re-trimmed and refurbished to a high standard and the third will be in the near future. Negotiations are currently underway for the acquisition of three more similar coaches. As is often the case, the deal will probably be done through Bob Rossiter and Steve Lambert at Scania Coach Sales.

An unusual vehicle owned is a white



Among the coaches Smiths of Marple operated, prior to Jason purchasing the company, were a Duple Dominant IV bodied Leyland Leopard and a Mercedes Benz O.303 acquired from Redwing. After five years in the fleet, the O.303 returned to Redwing.

American stretched limousine, though this is not operated yet. Sitting on the leather bench seats, next to the bar unit, on my first time in such a vehicle, it was easy to understand its appeal, compared with a basic minibus.

1996, the operation had expensive state-of-the-art equipment, no customers at all, and two other test centres on the block. The two competitors have now gone and the operation continues to do good business. Also operated is a mobile commercial repair service.

Last word

As in all things, a big part of the process of change that the Elite Group, and the industry as a whole is going through, is managing to balance



A yellow version of the corporate livery style was tried on this Carsville Marcopolo Javelin, but the result was not judged a success.

the past. Dave was employed by the Anglo American concern that imported the Ayats marque for a time, on the basis of his engineering expertise. Though there are some Volvos, today's Elite fleet is predominantly Scania based, with 16 of the marque owned, a trend he sees continuing. Among the next vehicles to go will be the group's only Setra.

Dave no longer buys new because 'I can't stand the depreciation. I'd rather let somebody else stand it,' he said. Front line coaches include a trio of R registered Scania K113TRB tri-axle Irizar Century 12.37s, the first of which arrived two

Acquired with the Carsville business was an AEC wrecker. It is intended that this too will acquire corporate livery in time.

Elite Group

Coaching operations are not the Elite Group's only business activities. Established in 1994, Elite Seatbelts was an early leader in the retrofitting of seatbelts, spending a lot of money on the necessary testing. Though it is rare now to find coaches that do not already have belts fitted, the



A Plaxton Paramount 3500 Scania in Elite's old livery.



Seen visiting Spalding Flower Parade in the early 1990s was this Ford Plaxton Supreme in the purple and silver based livery Elite Services used at the time.

company is still very active in the field, partly with replacement and repair business, but mainly with installations in service buses, which appears to be a growing market.

As well as Elite Seatbelts, there is also Elite MOTs, a fully equipped MOT testing station handling class IV and VII tests. Starting this was one of Dave's braver moves, because when it opened in September

the demands of modern competitive business with the rather more personal needs of individual customers. The juggling of the demands of modern operation and the need for old-fashioned qualities, such as personal service, is something that Elite's three coach operations appear to be adept at. The coaches may all be acquiring the same colours, but the recognition that each operation has different needs and its customers different expectations, is not lost on the directors and their teams.

With licences currently held for 26 vehicles, the coaching operation has grown considerably, though it is still a long way short of the sort of critical mass that some companies have achieved. 'We would acquire other companies if they fitted,' said Dave. 'We'd look for a good customer base, a good reputation and something that can be bolted on to our existing operation. It has to fit. It needs to be something to which the same rules can be applied. I want to move on, I want to expand it, because you're either in or you're out.'

By Stuart Jones

The Coach Parking in London 2005 Map

Coaches are a key part of London's tourism business, bringing in 2.8 million visitors and contributing nearly £300m to the city's economy, annually. The importance of this contribution is slowly being recognised with steps to improve access and facilities for incoming coaches. Much of the improvement has come from initiatives of the London Coach Forum, convened by TfL and bringing all interested parties together. Forum



The team behind the Coach Parking in London 2005 map: Sandra Elliot of Visit London, Bob Pilbeam of CPT, Darek Podwiazka and Peter Bradley of TfL.



more popular sights. On the reverse, coverage is extended to Docklands and Richmond along with clear guidance on parking restrictions and useful contacts. These include the Metropolitan Police for guidance on major public and sporting events and the Royal Parks Office for permits to drive the sections of park road open to coaches.

Around 30,000 hard copies of the map are being produced in English, targeted not just at operators and drivers but also tour guides who need to be aware of restrictions and avoid putting pressure on drivers to wait longer than permitted. In

addition, the map will be on TfL's website, initially in English, French and German. A Polish version will follow, Polish speaking drivers being identified as the next largest incoming group.

Bob Pilbeam, CPT's Coach Co-

ordinator, Stephen Lee of Anderson Travel Ltd, who identified the over zealousness of some traffic wardens in ticketing coaches loading and unloading, resulting in considerable administrative effort to gain cancellation of most tickets. He suggested keeping a photographic record of activity whilst the ticket was being issued, a process made simple with the proliferation of camera phones!

Theatreland has been another focus of activity, after the Society of London Theatres identified concerns that coach parties, a major source of theatre revenue, were being discouraged by

restrictions on after show loading. Working with CPT and the Borough of Westminster, a dedicated 20 minute waiting area for 24 vehicles has been established in Kingsway between 2200 and midnight on what is otherwise an area of parking

Chairman, Peter Bradley of TfL, has been impressed by the willingness of all involved to develop facilities, a clear commonality of purpose being identified.

The need for safe and hassle-free waiting and parking areas has been a major area of attention and the results are seen on the recently launched Coach Parking in London 2005 map, the third edition in four years. The map, produced by a partnership of TfL, CPT, Visit London and ML Design, is in TfL's house style and incorporates a wealth of information. Alongside the location of waiting and parking areas, the main map shows recommended routes for coaches and many of the



Special restriction signs have been erected in Kingsway for the 20 minute parking between 2200 and midnight.



The Westminster 10 minute rule has made loading easier outside hotels such as the Hilton Waldorf, Aldwych.

ordinators, highlighted some of the recent improvements, in particular the Borough of Westminster's ten-minute guidance on loading and unloading, where safe to do so, in parking restricted areas. He hoped to see other Boroughs following suit, but recognised the difficulties of TfL strategies being implemented through the Boroughs who employed private companies to manage parking. He was backed up by one of the operators attending

prohibitions and bus lanes. Further initiatives are planned and Bob Pilbeam also drew attention to the positive attitude the Mayor of London had taken to coaches, exempting them from congestion charging and freeing bus lanes for their use. It is to be hoped a similar sensible approach is also taken on the Mayor's proposal to restrict all but low emission vehicles, Peter Bradley confirming that appropriate

parties will be involved in a consultation process before any restrictions are brought in.

The Coach Parking in London

2005 map is available from CPT and TfL and on the TfL website www.tfl.gov.uk/coachparking.

By David Cole

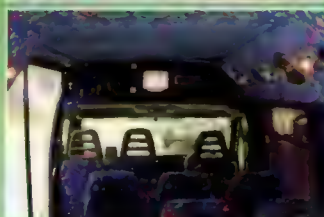


The Epsom Coaches Setra S315 GT.HD.

The Coach Parking in London 2005 map was launched at the 2005 British Travel Trade Fair at Birmingham's NEC, a full report on the show will appear in our sister publication Coach Tours UK. The show was an opportunity for CPT, Coach Marque and the Coach Drivers Club to demonstrate to tour organisers the quality that UK coach operators offer. The vehicle on display was a 2004 EvoBus Setra S315 HD-GT from the fleet of Epsom Coaches, which celebrates its 85th anniversary in 2005.

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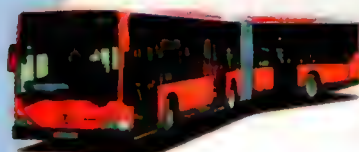
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Times they are a changing.

I was watching the TV this morning and there was some awful techno nerd programme on about internet and communications and wi-fi and all sorts of stuff that I don't understand even when I'm awake. Then there was a piece about a big new satellite that is being launched soon that will help us do all the wonders of technology we take for granted today, only better. Like sending a picture of your lunch to someone from your mobile phone or emailing the person at the next desk. You know the type of thing. In my day, photocopying someone's backside was the height of technological witticism. Actually, no, there is a point here but we'll come back to it.

So, anyway, the reporter was groping around for some measurement that conveyed the size of this satellite and chanced upon "the size of a London bus." Actually, it's not so much chanced upon, it's quite a common reference. Like "the size of two football pitches." As someone who has never been to a football match and has no intention whatever of doing so, such a comparison means nothing. So too, for someone who has never seen a London bus. Maybe as a child they had a Dinky Toy one, in which case they would have been seriously underwhelmed by the satellite, and a bit worried about the size of the technicians working on it. For me I thought, "Well, it isn't very long, is a bit tall and hasn't got a bend in the middle so what are they on about?" Even if you say, "Don't be a smart backside, they mean a Routemaster," I'd still say "RM or RML?" Which just goes to show that there are a lot of misconceptions about. It gets really serious if you talk about distances, you know the type of thing, stopping distance 20 bus lengths. An RM and an artic Citaro would come up with a considerable difference.

So what is the perception? The big red London bus is still the icon it always was but, in a number of recent trips to the place, I've been struck with the impact of the artic. They most certainly don't give the place a European feel, they have a distinctly London look and seem fully at ease in the place. But they do have a certain chutzpah that quite catches me, a confirmed anti artic man, by surprise. A lot is to do with the aplomb, nay, Élan, with which they are driven and full marks to the operators who have embraced them so well. And also the setting, they are not the type of bus for the small picture, they need the grand background that the Capital can give. I'm very interested in seeing how they fit

in Cardiff, but I'm not sure they are "just the ticket" (Setright or Almex?) in places that can't carry them off. Yes, I'm quite surprised at my reaction.

we need to break out of this or else it's "workhorse to thoroughbred to dog meat."

There's a good example of initiative in this field with National Express's Digbeth depot learning how to dance something, Irish, I believe. This captures a popular theme on TV these days and I must say that the one I saw about folk learning to appear in the show "Chicago" was pretty entertaining stuff. National Express ought to get a good deal of reflected publicity out of it and be viewed as a decent sort of bunch. I hope so, they deserve it for taking the plunge, it's a pity more of us don't do the same. Yes it's a bit risky, but the rewards are great. What ever happened to risk taking? Oops, sorry, forgot, this is 21st century Britain....

Actually, it's a bit sad that Nat Ex haven't got a stronger emotional following such as that for Greyhound in the US. Despite it's problems it is still something special. Mind you, the dynamic "Greyhound" knocks spots off the rather bureaucratically dull, descriptive "National Express" name and anaemic white livery. Still they had a pop song written about them, but again, not in the same league as Simon & Garfunkel's "America".

So what was the point I referred to earlier? In September 1967, I went on a tour of the Cardiff trolleybus system in a preserved Glasgow single deck trolleybus. (The thing was only nine years old and already disposed of, there are some serious crimes where the villains have walked free when it comes to trolleybuses.) Anyway, 30 years later, I saw a video, which said it included this event so I bought it. Watching it, suddenly, at Roath Park terminus, a shifty looking

cove ran across the front of the screen. Me! Now had you taken me aside in 1967 and said, "In 30 years time, you will be able to put a plastic box into a machine linked to your TV and see this scene on your TV, in colour," I'd have said, "There's a small van over there waiting to take you away." The technological advance is incredible and when you look at the advance from the shoulder mounted brick to today's mobile phones it makes you think.

It makes you think that the industry really

needs to wake up to the environment in which it lives.



A Glasgow trolleybus in Cardiff in 1967. The dewirement is intentional to put it on the remaining wires of the old single deck route in Cardiff. This rather sleek thing, pretty revolutionary in it's day, did less than 9 years service. Shameful.

Incidentally, I'm not a betting man, but I'd put money on Cardiff Bus getting operator of the year before we are all much older. A striking livery wouldn't go amiss, though, team.

So, perceptions about buses. After all this time, developments of modern types and attempts at marketing, where are we? Still I suggest the transport of last resort, still, "Well you could



I'm surprised by my reaction, these things look quite at home.

always get the bus (ho! ho!) and "The buses are always late or cancelled." Still trapped as a term of measurement that is miles out of date. Somehow

Hans Smits departs EvoBus UK

Hans Smits, Managing Director of EvoBus UK since it was established at its Coventry headquarters in 1998, has said his farewells to UK staff and customers and, by the time this appears in print, will be heading up the EvoBus operation in Belgium. He has presided over an eventful but ultimately successful UK launch and consolidation for Europe's biggest bus manufacturer.

During his time in the UK, he believes the biggest challenge he faced was, 'building up the organisation and the team. I'm extremely pleased with the way that has gone. It's what I'm most proud of, leaving behind an excellent team of people.'

Perhaps the second biggest challenge he faced was that of integrating the separate Mercedes Benz and Setra cultures within one organisation. He commented, 'the Setra culture of those familiar with the Lincoln days had to be transferred into a set-up ten times bigger. It has not always been an easy process, but looking at the Setra success in the UK and Ireland, we can say confidently it was the right decision to do so. It will be exciting, with the Comfort Class about to arrive, to see just how far it can go.'

The role certainly hasn't been an easy ride, as Hans has had to deal with a number of major issues during his tenure. Among these was the collapse of UVG, who were to have completed the interiors of a large batch of Mercedes Benz O405Gs for Travel West Midlands, a problem that became apparent on his first full day in the job. There have been others too, but they have been worked through and resolved.

Looking back over this, Hans said, 'In spite of the trials and tribulations, at the end of the day we have proven to the industry that we are here to stay.' He admits that, as Mercedes Benz had been



Hans with the picture of his house in Leamington Spa, which was presented to him by the staff of EvoBus.

in and out of the market on previous occasions, convincing customers of a long-term commitment was a barrier that had to be overcome. The investment in Coventry was a positive sign, but, initially at least, a lot of potential customers said, 'we'll talk again in a couple of years. Let's see if

you're still there.' It was also an obstacle to recruitment. 'Now I'm leaving a situation where no-one questions whether we are serious, which is a very good thing,' said Hans.

Hans was reluctant to single out any particular order as the most satisfying to have won, but

pressed, he plumped for the first London General order for articulated Citaros, 'because I knew it would be a breakthrough.'

He feels EvoBus UK has achieved a lot in the last seven years. 'We've been very successful on the coach side, with Setra sales at a record level. Also on the bus side, where we have put Mercedes Benz on the heavyweight bus map.' He continued, 'It's been very interesting for me, in terms of after sales support. We've been able, with a lot of partners, to work out a



Winning the first contract for articulated Citaros in London was a landmark deal for EvoBus UK.



The Setra brand is now fully integrated within EvoBus UK and its sales are the highest they have ever been in the market, with new models just about to be launched.

variety of different support packages. Six years ago, we were able to conclude a parts contract with TWM covering all of their Mercedes buses. Six years later, that arrangement is still standing, and has been extended, showing that the original concept we worked out with TWM was spot-on. It was a trend-setting activity.'

He also cited the concept the company had developed in London, with mobile technicians

supporting the growing fleet of bendibuses. 'There are now more than 200 Citaro buses being supported by mobile technicians. A completely new concept that, as far as I know, nobody has done before,' said Hans. 'It was a big challenge, but we worked it out with customers, implemented it successfully, and it works.'

Though the company title is EvoBus UK, it is also responsible for Ireland, of which Hans said, 'I

am proud that we have been able to build up a very considerable position in the Irish market.'

He is looking forward to the new task he faces, but it is not without some regret that he leaves the UK, not only because he is parting company with his colleagues at Coventry, but also because his family was very settled here. 'It is the end of one chapter and the beginning of another,' said Hans, who will be living near Eindhoven with his wife and two sons. It marks a return to his native country for Dutchman, Hans.

On the weekend prior to his departure, a staff farewell party was held on a boat on the River Thames, where he was able to demonstrate a previously undiscovered talent for limbo dancing. Among a number of presents he has received, is a framed picture of the house in Leamington Spa where Hans lived during his stay in the UK, from the staff of EvoBus UK.

Hans will be succeeded by Oliver

Moekesch, who is German, but previously headed the Swiss operations of EvoBus. 'I wish him all the best in continuing to develop EvoBus in the UK,' said Hans. In Belgium, he is hoping 'that the positive work I have been able to do in the UK can be repeated.'

By Stuart Jones

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Lawtons Executive Minicoaches

New operation – new niches.

Geoff Lawton spent 15 years in the Fire Service before leaving in 1986 to join the family poultry business. He had passed his PSV driving test some years earlier with Hoggs of Boston and continued to drive part time for Dickinsons of Wrangle.

As an additional source of revenue, they started running an eight-seat taxi, which Liz, Geoff's wife, drove. Around five years ago the couple had to make a decision on which way the business was going. They were nervous expanding further in the poultry business, yet they needed to if they were going to maintain their income. They diversified into private hire using a Volkswagen Caravelle, winning a school contract.

With demand growing for airport runs a second, a move up market was made with the purchase of a leather trimmed, air conditioned Mercedes V class. Soon after, the number of children for the school contract increased, creating a dilemma. Rather than lose the work, both vehicles were used on the job. It wasn't a particularly efficient way to do it, but without an operator's licence and Liz taking her PSV driving licence, there was no alternative at the time.

To overcome the problem, Liz passed her PSV driving test in 2003, which took a couple of attempts. A problem she experienced was that of booking lessons and getting a test date quickly afterwards. She was also very critical of the standard of some training vehicles, have struggled valiantly with the gearbox of a Bristol that even the instructor admitted he struggled with. Then, via the Internet, contact was made with Tockwith

COIF'd to replace the Caravelle. With the airport work growing, the couple thought it would be worthwhile making a concerted effort to win better work and set about seeking a bigger minicoach to replace the V Class. On a visit to Cymric Conversions, Geoff came very close to buying a vehicle. That he did not do so, he regards



Geoff and Liz Lawton.

as one of his luckiest escapes, so far, in the business, as the company folded soon after. Certain that he wanted air-conditioning, he had previously rung Optare to enquire about a Mercedes Benz Sprinter based Soroco, but thought the price 'way out of our range.'

Following the trip to Wales Geoff rang Optare again and was offered a Bonito demonstrator. Inspection of this showed it to be better than

LDV out on a job for customers who had previously travelled on the Soroco. He contacted Neil Hubbard at Optare again, and six days before Christmas the Bonito arrived in part exchange for the LDV. With 'Welcome aboard Liz's little coach' sign written on the door, it does the school contract and any private hire work that isn't too far away.

It might sound from this as if there was no clear plan being followed, but this was not the case. Geoff explained, 'We gave ourselves a budget and a time limit and said, if it's not happening in six months we'll cut our losses and sell everything. I didn't want to get in a hole and keep digging. If it wasn't going to work I wanted to stop while the hole was shallow. I was confident we had two good vehicles that we could sell on.' In the event it went well and the couple were very pleased with their first year. 'It wasn't enough to go on a Caribbean cruise,' said Liz, 'but we kept our heads above water and made a good living.'

They admit that they have made some mistakes, 'one of which was taking on anything and everything when we started. It included club runs, but now we're much more selective about what work we take on,' said Geoff. He added, 'When we were kids we had respect for things, but there isn't so much of it about today. It's not necessarily kids, it's often those in their twenties.'

Chance meeting

With the first six months behind them, Geoff thought it would be a good idea to take his full CPC qualifications. He had no plans to diversify at the time, but thought it would be something useful to have behind him. He had also, 'been advised by the Ministry that it would be a good idea.' He admits to having found it quite hard doing it by home study, though he passed modules one and three in this way. After using their home study course, he booked an 11-day course with Friendberry in Somerset, as a result of which he obtained his national licence. 'I am going to take the international with Specialised Training at Accrington, later this year. I'd have done it with Friendberry again, but the course dates clash with a holiday.'

Indirectly, attending the course opened up a new avenue for the company. On it he met Len Frampton from Brians Coaches of Lydd, near Folkestone. He happened to mention that he had bought a coach from somebody our way shortly before going on the course. The vehicle was a wheelchair lift equipped Van Hool DAF formerly operated by Colin Andrew, who was



The Lawton's Executive Coaches minicoach fleet posed at the top of the couple's drive at Last Moorings, East Fen Lane, Stickney, near Boston.

Training near York. She was full of praise for them, and the five-speed Leyland Swift used for tuition, and after a three-day course she went back up and passed the test.

A restricted operators licence for two vehicles was obtained, and a 1999 16-seat LDV bought and

anything else that they had seen. However, while he was there Geoff had a look at the Soroco and, working on the 'in for a penny – in for a pound' principle, decided to buy it, taking delivery on 6 November 2003. Customer reaction to it was excellent, but this created another problem. Within weeks it became clear that you couldn't send the

planning to retire.

'I immediately saw it as our opportunity,' said Geoff, who went and saw Colin to discuss his ideas and ask if he was prepared to sell his book, as he still had a lot of customers. The two agreed to work together, formulating a plan that will see Colin, who had retained his operating licence, remain as the nominated CPC holder until Geoff has his full international qualifications.



The 16 seat interior of the Bonito is very much more luxurious than the LDV that it replaced. Liz prefers this coach to the Soroco.

With the new venture agreed, they started looking for a coach to undertake the work, looking at quite a number before deciding on an April 1997 Van Hool T8 Alizee 49 seat executive on a Scania K113TRB tri-axle chassis, that seemed best suited to the role. It was bought from Martin West at Scania Coach Sales at Worksop, whom Geoff has found very helpful throughout. 'I was quite concerned about weight with the wheelchairs on board and this will definitely cope,' said Geoff. Scania found a few problems with the coach, which had been new to Harry Shaw and more recently with Milligans Coaches, among them a leaking fuel tank that had to be completely replaced.

When I visited the couple at their home and operating centre at Last Moorings, East Fen Lane, Stickney, near Boston, the Scania was away at Carlyle Bus & Coach in Birmingham having a PLS cassette lift installed in the side. It is to be painted in the same livery style as that used on the minicoaches. Geoff opted for a 49 seater because, 'we're going for luxury because I want passengers to arrive feeling comfortable. My philosophy is to give passengers the comfort and service I'd want myself.'

Geoff explained, 'the idea behind taking on an accessible coach is that it's a niche market, rather than competing with established local companies like Dickinsons and Cropleys. I rang Don and Nigel at Dickinsons before buying the coach, because I'm hoping we'll be able to work together. I'd still be happy to drive for them if they were desperate and I wasn't otherwise committed.'

Already Colin has put together a programme of day tours with the vehicle and produced the brochure, which is an A4 sheet folded to A5. It offers over 40 excursions between February and June. The slogan, 'We have the ability to look after your disability' is used, and passengers are asked to state at the time of booking, if they are confined

to a wheelchair. Colin will drive on many of the tours for a year and is introducing Geoff and Liz to his existing customers. Many of them have very particular requirements that Colin has become accustomed to, so he is gradually going through these and explaining to the

gives Geoff confidence that further expansion is the right way to go is Colin Andrew having said that, had he been 15 years younger, he would

now have been going for a second accessible coach. Geoff is full of praise for the effort Colin is making to help establish the new operation, commenting, 'I don't think we could have done it without him.'

Colin Andrew, commented, 'I was going to run it down and retire, but once we'd made contact, we had to move fairly quickly to maintain continuity and the client base.'

There are 58 disabled groups I work for, as well as a database of 2000 excursion passengers and private groups. I'd built it up from nothing over the past 12 years and I didn't want it to fragment.'

Describing how the operation works, he said, 'on excursions, none of my passengers actually stay in their wheelchairs. We board them via the lift and they transfer to a seat, with the chair going in the



The Bonito interior.



The Soroco interior.



The Optare Soroco bodied Mercedes Sprinter. The Soroco is built in Spain by Ferqui.

Lawtons what's what. The accessible Van Hool may not have been on its first job yet, but already Geoff is talking about

buying a second coach. 'Without really trying to sell, we are already getting double dates in the book,' he said. 'We're pretty serious about the second coach, and we'll take the same approach that we did with the minicoaches. If, after a period, it isn't making a return, we'll reappraise the situation.'

He and Colin have been to look at a few coaches, the standard of which has varied immensely. 'I'd prefer a second Scania K113 Van Hool 49 seater that we could put a lift into, but we probably won't end up with one,' he said. Among the things that

locker. On average, we probably take three wheelchairs per excursion, and they all transfer. If they want to travel in a chair to an excursion we can do it, but we need to know early in the booking process, as it involves reducing the carrying capacity by two more than using the lift already does. The fare we charge is no different for a disabled passenger.'

'It is different when a private hire group books. We can configure the coach to their liking. Instead of the standard 49, we can go down to 31 seats and



For the new venture into accessible coaching, this 1997 Scania K113TRB with Van Hool Alizee coachwork has been purchased from Scania Coach Sales. It is being equipped with a PLS lift at Carlyle Bus & Coach.

four chairs.'

Colin confirmed his belief that Geoff and Liz were going the right way, saying, 'It is too late for me to



Geoff has always been happy to show potential customers what they are booking. The Optares must create the right image as has found that many take one look and agree to book it before even looking inside.

take this on alone, but were I 15 years younger I would have gone they way they are going. There is definitely scope for expansion on the holiday side, catering for people who want to go on tour.' He believes that Geoff and Liz 'are learning well' about this new aspect of the business and claims that 99% of looking after people is 'common sense.' He agrees with a comment another driver once made to him, 'You not only want to care, you want to show you care.'

Computerised

From the outset the plan followed has been to do things properly with good systems in place. With the bookings, the original intention was to operate a manual system, but after three days a lady came in who wanted to book on 19 different excursions at one go. The resulting need to juggle 19 different folders, and write down the address on a sheet in each one, was an eye-opener. 'We decided we had to go high-tech and computerise,' said Liz. After looking at a couple of alternatives, 'We bought Roeville's T2000 system and we're getting used to it. It's very straightforward. There were a few early niggles, down to us not knowing



Colin Andrew

talks of his customers as if they are a big happy family. 'They need to get to know Geoff and Liz and form a relationship,' he said.

Vehicles

A local commercial garage undertakes all of the maintenance on the minicoaches. Geoff believes that prevention is better than cure and would rather have any problems discovered in the workshop than on the road. He is pleased with the arrangement and will extend it to cover the recently acquired Scania. Geoff agrees with the requirements that operators must have money available in cash to spend on vehicles and says that, 'the person doing my maintenance would rather spend the money than not.'

The two Optares have performed well. 'I feel we definitely bought the right vehicles,' said Geoff. 'People can't believe them after what they have travelled in before. I did an Edinburgh trip in the Soroco last year, and you wouldn't have wanted to do that in an LDV. I've done Blackpool a couple of times too. We're finding good demand for them, and once people have been in them, they don't want to go in an LDV Convoy again.'

the terminology, but we're not on the phone often now. It is good knowing that, as we are now on broadband, they could fix things from Doncaster, if there was a problem,' said Geoff.

One of the aspects that makes the bookings more difficult is the existence of two separate pick-up routes, with each excursion using one or the other. Both routes are quite complicated and have been devised and revised over the years to serve Colin's clientele. He

If anything, the couple are even more impressed with the Bonito than the Soroco. Liz prefers it because she thinks the tinted screen of the Mercedes makes it darker inside than the Bonito, and the Soroco does not have a DVD player. Geoff admits that the driving seat is much more comfortable in the Ford.



The Scania K113TRB with Van Hool Alizee coachwork being equipped with a PLS lift at Carlyle Bus & Coach.

Conclusion

Clearly, it is too early to tell how the new accessible coach venture will go, but the success of the minicoaches must give the Lawtons encouragement that they should back their business instincts. Geoff says that it was always an ambition of his to own a coach. He admits, 'we're both 52, so it was a big decision for us. Have we got enough years left to reap the benefits? We had hoped that our son Michael, who has a full freight CPC, would be interested, but he prefers driving trucks, though he is going to take his PSV too.'

'It's a very steep learning curve and I often feel that, perhaps because I sometimes sound a bit inexperienced, people treat me as if I won't be around in the business tomorrow. I'm more likely to do business with people who want to help me than those who expect you to know everything.'

By Stuart Jones

New to the accessible coaching market

While I was with Geoff Lawton I spoke briefly to Len Frampton of Brians Coaches of Lydd, who bought Colin Andrew's accessible DAF Alizee. The company has four large coaches including a DAF powered Van Hool Acron and a couple of Volvos, as well as a 16 seater and a 24 seater. This most recent purchase is the first coach they have bought with a wheelchair lift and was purchased from an advert in Bus & Coach Buyer.

'It's new to us, our first time in the market. There's a hell of a lot of interest and it's already done quite a few jobs. There is a market for it. We work for a lot of active retirement clubs and at times we've struggled with a normal coach. With this we've been able to take people who'd had to stop coming,' commented Len.

He continued, 'I'm pleased I bought it. It's all added work and it's going to be good for the business. My only concern is that, though it is in very good condition, if it goes down, we've got nothing to cover it. I don't think we'll equip our other coaches with lifts, but I would consider doing so if we bought another coach, depending on the work we had.'

Len continued, 'I don't think you can charge a lot

more for having the lift, but you do have to charge a bit more because of the time involved. There's obviously demand for it. The only thing I have found difficult is getting used to the equipment. Once you are used to it, it's very quick. I do all the work with it myself at the moment, so I haven't had to train another driver yet.' Len's last comment showed that running a lift equipped coach can increase flexibility, rather than reducing it, as many operators fear will be the case. 'Most of the other work we do is schools, and this does schools to. We can do a school run,

take the seats out, do a trip and then put them back in, in time for the afternoon run.



The 1987 DAF Van Hool Alizee, now running for Brians Coaches, pictured when still with Colin Andrew, participating in the Brighton Coach Rally.

Scottish Executive announces £22.5 million funding to fill gaps in local services

Across Scotland, a total of £22.5 million funding is to be allocated by the Scottish Executive from the Bus Route Development scheme to local transport authorities to work in partnership with bus operators to kick-start better local bus services.

Transport Minister Nicol Stephen said, 'Buses are still far and away the most popular form of public transport. Over the last four years we have seen passenger numbers increase by almost eight per cent after decades of slow decline. This new scheme aims to give a major boost to passenger growth by kick-starting new services. There has been a very strong response from local authorities and bus operators. It is now important to get these better bus services up and running as soon as possible. By improving access to public transport we can encourage more people onto our buses and reduce congestion. Today's grants will benefit bus passengers across Scotland - including the

Highlands, the Borders, the North East, Strathclyde, and East and Central Scotland.'

From the £22.5 million, in the first round of awards, £12.2 million has been allocated to 27 projects. The scheme provides financial support for up to three years for

support for up to three years to aid the development of new and existing registered local bus services which have the potential for growth. The purpose of the grant is to improve access to public transport, encourage modal shift and reduce congestion. The

scheme implements the commitment in a partnership for a better Scotland to pilot new kick-start plans to create better value bus services. Bids must be identified by local authorities in conjunction with bus operators. In this first round £12.2 million over three years has been awarded to 27 projects from 14 transport authorities (Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross, Fife, Falkirk, Edinburgh, Midlothian, West Lothian, East Lothian, Scottish Borders, Highlands, Moray and Strathclyde).

The £10.3 million which remains to be allocated from the total pot for this grant scheme will be

awarded to new or revised proposals which authorities are being invited to bring forward when they are ready. To meet the objective that the scheme benefits all parts of Scotland, authorities are being given population based indicative allocations to show how much is available to an authority for further bids.

By 2007 the Scottish Executive will be spending £1.4 billion per year on a safer, more efficient transport network, of which 70 per cent will be targeted on public transport. The Bus and Coach Statistics 2002-03 show that the number of passengers on local bus services in Scotland has risen for the fourth consecutive year. There were 445 million passenger journeys recorded in 2002-03 in Scotland compared to 413 million in 1998-99.

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Angus Council - Strathtay: Forfar Town Local Bus Service.

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Aberdeenshire Council - Stagecoach Services 101/106/107: Stonehaven Corridor (A90 South /A92) Aberdeen - Stonehaven - Montrose.

The project improves inter-peak frequency from every 30 to every 15 minutes, introduces new fully-accessible vehicles and significantly improves route infrastructure and information provision.

Perth & Kinross Council - Stagecoach Services 5/6 and 9/10: Enhancement of Muirton & North Muirton area.

The project forms part of a major urban renewal project in one of the most deprived areas of Scotland. It increases service frequency from every 10 to every 5 minutes, introduces fully accessible CCTV buses and improves the route infrastructure.

Fife Council - Stagecoach Service 37/39/X1: Kirkcaldy to Glenrothes.

The project introduces fully-accessible vehicles to the route and new peak-time stops at employment sites as well overall route infrastructure improvements. It will improve elderly and disabled access, reduce congestion, and promote urban regeneration.

Falkirk Council - First Routes 10/11/12: Enhancement and extension of Falkirk circle routes.

The project increases service frequency from every 15 to every 10 minutes on the main radial route, introduces a new half hourly (from hourly) service on a different route and improves the route infrastructure in an area that is projected to achieve high passenger growth and modal shift.

The City of Edinburgh - Lothian Buses route 49: North Edinburgh healthcare access; evening operation.

The project extends the hours of operation of this service and provides targeted publicity of the change. It is a crucial element of the adjustment process for Edinburgh's integrated transport system resulting from the recent opening of the New Royal Infirmary in the South East of Edinburgh.

The City of Edinburgh - Lothian Buses route 35: Linking major developments; frequency enhancements; accompanying vehicle branding and printed information.

This project secures public transport provision for many new and future developments such as the Parliament, Ocean Terminal, the former Royal Infirmary and others. Currently operating at a loss, it provides necessary support for the service until the developments come on line.

The City of Edinburgh - Lothian

Buses route 24: Completing a missing link - weekday and Saturday am and pm operation.

Operating between Edinburgh Park and the New Royal Infirmary, the project improves the currently patchy service to two buses per hour from Monday-Saturday, 0700-1900. As the termini are two of the three Scottish Executive-funded Access to Growth Areas, the grant provides necessary support while passenger numbers increase.

The City of Edinburgh - Lothian Buses route 30: Linking social needs with opportunity; frequency enhancements with accompanying vehicle branding and printed information.

The project increases service frequency from 5 to 6 buses an hour, as well as marketing the change. By providing a 'turn up and go' service for areas of identified social need to a mul-



Many of the proposed new services will be operated by Stagecoach.

tiplicity of educational, leisure and employment opportunities, it provides a platform for sustainable growth and civic cohesion.

The City of Edinburgh - Lothian Buses route 17: Sustainable Waterfront development; route extension with accompanying marketing.

The project, with full operator support, will address the gap in the network that leaves the West Harbour Road, an important access route to The Waterfront (a major Edinburgh development creating dwellings for 25,000 people and 22,000 jobs), with no bus service provision.

The City of Edinburgh & Midlothian - Lothian Buses route X37: Introduction of all day express bus operations between Penicuik and north Edinburgh via the city centre.

The project is the result of a thorough analysis of national, local and commercial priorities and initiatives. The introduction of an express bus both supports and is supported by the significant developments occurring in Edinburgh city centre and at Granton.

Midlothian Council- Lothian Buses Service 31: Service enhancement.

The project provides top up funding for service alterations prompted by the projected demand arising from a significant housing development planned in the South Bonnyrigg area that will double the number of households over the next 10 years.

West Lothian Council - FirstGroup: Blackridge to Livingston. Corridor.

The project provides top up funding

in order to create a step change in the public transport network that will benefit the West Lothian community and will prove commercially viable after the initial investment.

East Lothian Council - FirstGroup: Dunbar to Edinburgh Corridor Improvements.

The project increases service frequency from hourly to half-hourly and provides wholesale infrastructure improvements on a route deemed to have the best potential for modal shift. It will reduce congestion and pollution, encourage modal shift and increase regional connectivity.

Scottish Borders Council - FirstGroup Service 62: Galashiels to Edinburgh via Peebles.

The project consists of a highly co-operative venture between operator and local authority to improve service frequency from hourly to half-hourly and improve route infrastructure and

(plus an hourly express bus on Sundays), introduces CCTV on the buses and improves route infrastructure. It integrates key housing areas into the current network and improves access of areas of high unemployment to employment opportunities.

Highland Council - Rapsons Service 26: Inverness - Cromarty.

The project consolidates and improves on what is already a largely commercial route by reducing the frequency from 60 to 40 minutes through more efficient use of existing vehicles and introducing new fully-accessible vehicles, thus providing a more effective link for areas of social deprivation to employment and training opportunities in Inverness.

Moray Council - Stagecoach Bluebird Service 10: Enhancement of Inverness and Elgin Route.

The project provides an express link between planned and existing retail, housing and business developments as well as substantially increasing the access to specific sites of education and employment by people living in areas of social deprivation.

Strathclyde Passenger Transport - FirstGroup: New Glasgow Night Services.

The project will introduce night services from Glasgow City Centre to a number of suburbs around Glasgow, addressing a gap in the current network to the benefit of both those out socialising and those working night shifts.

Strathclyde Passenger Transport - FirstGroup - New Glasgow - Eaglesham Night Service.

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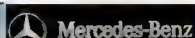
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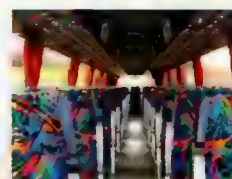
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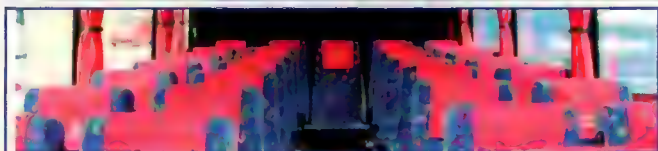
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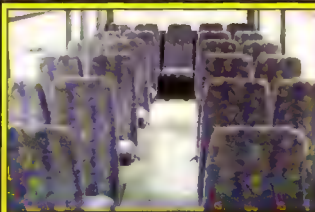


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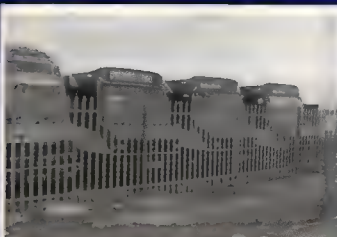


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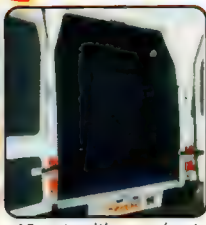
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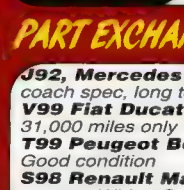
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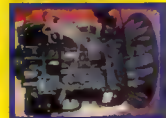
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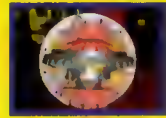
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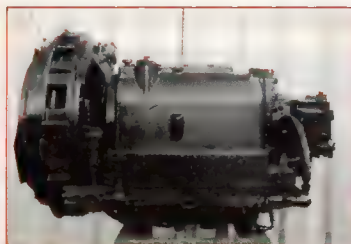
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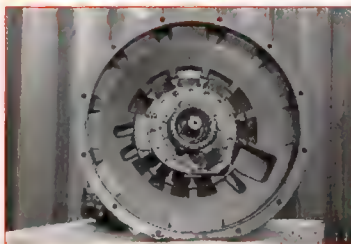
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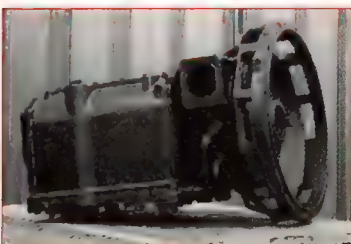
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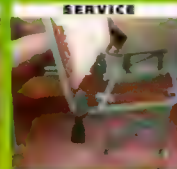
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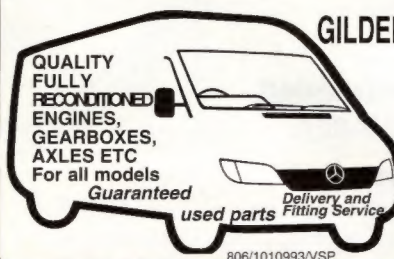
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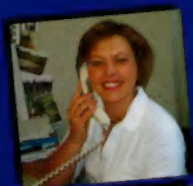


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Pair of Volvo B7Rs for The Travellers Choice

Reliability was the major factor in The Travellers Choice taking delivery of two new Sunsundegui bodied Volvo B7Rs.

The pair brings the all Volvo fleet of the Carnforth based operator to 60 vehicles. The two new Volvo B7Rs will fulfil the same role, but will not share the same livery.

One of the new coaches will be liveried in the operator's traditional colours, whilst the second will carry Trafalgar Tours livery for this season. Both coaches will be used on incoming tour work throughout the UK and the Irish Republic.

Both vehicles have a 53 seat interior layout and are equipped with flat screen TVs and DVD players and are fully air conditioned. The chassis specification combines ZF automatic gearbox linked to the Volvo D7C engine.



Solo is largest bus in Wigglybus fleet



Passengers between Marlborough and Calne are the latest bus users in the country to benefit from low floor accessibility, as Wiltshire County Council introduces a new Line 43 service as part of its award winning 'Wigglybus' initiative.

Purchased by the Council but operated on its behalf by APL Travel of Christian Malford, the bus provides a timetabled service, which also stops for pre-booked request passengers, and can deviate into many of the smaller villages either side of the A47 trunk road on request. The 'Wigglybus' concept was first introduced by Wiltshire County Council in 2003 and the Council has now purchased nine buses, which operate supported routes. These also deviate from their core routes to pick up and set down passengers.

The 27 seater, which is fitted with rear destination indicators, is the largest bus in the 'Wigglybus' fleet, but making a useful impact on passengers, particularly as they had to change buses prior to the creation of Line 43.

MacLeods Coaches take Mercedes-Benz 0814 Vario

Harry Ferguson Coach Sales Ltd has recently supplied MacLeod Coaches of Rogart, Sutherland with this new Mercedes-Benz 0814 Vario converted by KVC.

The vehicle is wheelchair accessible and features a Ricon underfloor lift, luggage racks, radio/CD player, lap and diagonal seat belts and an inward opening power door.



Esker for Scotline Tours

Scotline Tours of Edinburgh have recently purchased their third vehicle from the Mercedes-Benz Esker range. The 1223L

Esker Touring features 34 Ergos seats with piping cord and leather headrests, gangway carpet, toilet, two sinks, fridge, double glazing, air conditioning, Euroliners and Webasto pre-heater.

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